



Art enlivens noses of World War II planes (like B-17 bomber above) at Confederate Air Force open houses

world's largest operational airplane) and the Su-27 fighter, flying at 2.3 times the speed of sound. Exhibits from Canada, China, and Sweden will also be there.

May 5 and 6, the Thunderbirds—the Air Force's precision flying team—will have you holding your breath with two spectacular shows. Organizers hope the Air Force will also bring the Stealth bomber and fighter. May 12 and 13, there will be a display by civilian precision pilots.

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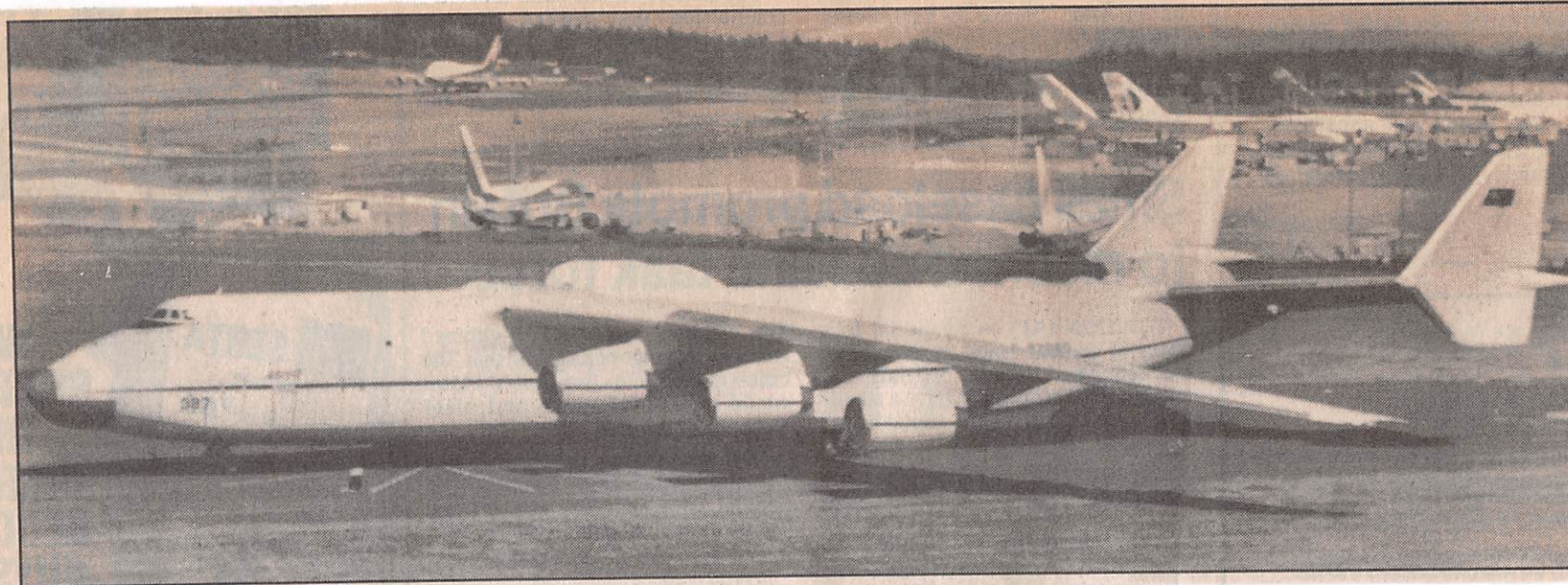
Each weekday, the exposition focuses on specific industry areas, such as defense (May 7), space (May 8), and business and general aviation (May 10).

Be prepared for crowds. Traffic was a problem at 1988's Air/Space show; steps have been taken to avoid a recurrence, but you're encouraged to take the San Diego Trolley to the Palm Avenue or San Ysidro stations (a 30-minute ride from downtown), then board shuttle buses.

Air show grounds are open 8 to 6 daily, but arrangements were incomplete at our press time, so be sure to call for up-to-date schedules; (800) 247-2055. Admission is \$15 at the gate (\$12 in advance), \$7 (\$5) for ages 7 through 12, \$10 (\$7) for students, seniors, and military; reduced multiday admissions are available.

Naval aviation in San Diego

Naval aviation has a long history in San Diego, dating back to Glenn Curtiss's test



Largest of them all

The AN-225 Mriya, which has six turbofan engines and a wing-span of more than 285 feet, rests in front of the control tower at Paine Field in Everett, Wash. The Soviet airplane is the world's largest and is in the state to take part in the Washington International Air Fair. The gigantic aircraft, which arrived Friday from the Soviet Union, has 18 landing wheels and can hold 80 average-size automobiles.

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Spitfires fly once again — only this time it's over N.Y.

A World War II vintage British Supermarine Spitfire, piloted by Bill Greenwood of Aspen, Colo., flies past the Statue of Liberty in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Pilots and vintage aircraft will gather in New York on Monday to commemorate the battle, in which the Spitfires repelled the Nazi's Luftwaffe and stopped Germany's planned invasion across the English Channel.

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